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SUBJECT: CAMPORA INAUGURATION SPEECH: MODERATE AND NATIONALISTIC

1. SUMMARY: CAMPORA IN THREE HOUR INAUGURATION SPEECH TODAY, MAY 25, PARTIALLY PREVIEWED FOREIGN POLICY AND ANNOUNCED INITIAL LEGISLATIVE PORGRAM, ALL ON THE MODERATE SIDE OF POSITIONS ALREADY TAKEN DURING CAMPAIGN. WHILE OFTEN CRITICAL OF PAST INJUSTICES BY " IMPERIALISM," " MONOPOLIES," " OLIGARCHY," AND " MILITARY," SPEECH NEVERTHELESS EMPHASIZED NEITHER FUTURE RETRIBUTION NOR DESTRUCTION OF " ANTI- NATIONAL" FORCES, BUT RATHER THEIR CONTROL AND SUBSTITUTION IN NATIONAL DECISION-MAKING BY POPULAR GROUPS. PRESENTATION, AT TIMES EMOTIONAL AND FREQUENTLY QUOTING PERON, WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY CONGRESS AND CITIZENS PACKED INTO PLAZA OUTSIDE CONGRESS BUILDING. NO ACTION REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN FOREIGN POLICY FIELD, CAMPORA ANNOUNCED CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES WITHOUT EXCLUSION, MOST ESPECIALLY WITH THE " THIRD WORLD" AND LATIN AMERICA INCLUDING POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH THE ANDEAN PACT. HE ASSERTED ARGENTINE CLAIMS IN ORDER OF GREATEST EMPHASIS TO THE MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS, TO A PORTION OF THE ANTARCTICA, AND TO THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND 200 MILES OF TERRITORIAL SEA. HE WELCOMED THE MORE FLEXIBLE FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE GREAT POWERS AND THE RELIEF OF THE SUFFERING OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WHILE REAFFIRMING ARGENTINA' S HISTORIC PERONIST THIRD POSITION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM EASTERN AND WESTERN " IMPERIALISMS."

3. THE NEW PRESIDENT REITERATED SEVERAL TIMES HIS DETERMINATION TO BE COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF OVER A PROFESSIONAL/ TECHNICAL, NON- POLITICAL ARMY WHICH STANDS WITH THE PEOPLE AND AGAINST " IMPERIALISM." HE SOFT- PEDDLED THE AMNESTY LAW SIMPLY URGING ITS PASSAGE BY THE CONGRESS.

4. HE ANNOUNCED SOME DOZEN BILLS RELATED TO THE ECONOMY. THOSE AFFECTING FOREIGN INTERESTS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN BANK DEPOSITS, FOREIGN INVESTMENT CONTROL, REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN AGENTS, EXPORT PROMOTION FOR MEAT, GRAIN, AND NON- TRADITIONAL GOODS, PROTECTION OF IMPORT SUBSTITUTION INDUSTRIES, AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. OTHER DOMESTIC ISSUES TREATED AT LENGTH INCLUDED: 1) AGRICULTURE (INCLUDING A PROPOSED NEW LAND TAX WITH INCENTIVES TO INCREASE PRODUCTION), 2) EDUCATION (REASSURING CONTINUANCE OF PRIVATE AS WELL AS PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS), 3) LABOR, (INCLUDING PROMISED LABOR PARTICIPATION AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, A SERIES OF BILLS TO PROTECT LABOR UNION AUTONOMY, AND REINSTITUTION OF THE EVITA PERON FOUNDATION UNDER ISABELITA PERON), 4) POPULATION (INVITING IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA), AND 5) SCIENCE.

5. CAMPORA PROPOSED A NEW MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY AND A NEW MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, THE LATTER TO PROMOTE BASIC RESEARCH. ARGENTINA REQUIRES MORE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN BOTH SCIENCE AND EDUCATION, HE EXPLAINED MORE THAN ONCE, TO FOSTER AN AUTHENTIC CULTURE WHICH PURSUES SOCIAL JUSTICE RATHER THAN " CONSUMERISM."

6. OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, HE SAID THAT WHILE IT IS AN INDE- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PENDENT BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, IT SHOULD REFLECT THE POPULAR MANDATE OF MARCH 11 AND AVOID THE INFLUENCE OF /" HIDDEN POWERS."

7. COMMENT: CAMPORA SPRANG NO STARTLING SURPRISES AND NO DEPARTURES IN FOREIGN POLICY NOT PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED. MAJOR EMPHASIS WAS ON DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, INCLUDING SOME MEASURES

DESIGNATED TO REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH TO THE DETRIMENT OF VESTED INTERESTS. HIS IMPLIED CRITICISM OF THE PRESENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND HIS APPEALS TO VIRTUALLY EVERY SECTOR OF THE SOCIETY TO DEDICATE ITSELF TO " AUTHENTIC CULTURE" AND " LIBERATION" (POSSIBLY ENFORCED BY A CULTURAL LAW TO PROTECT " VALUES OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY" IN BOOKS, MOVIES, ETC) WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE STRONG NATIONALISTIC LINE WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE SPEECH.

8. THE BASICALLY MODERATE TONE OF THE INAUGURATION SPEECH UNDERSCORES THE NEW ADMINISTRATION' S CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY, A SITUATION WITH WHICH ARGENTINA HAS HAD ALL TOO LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN RECENT DECADES. CAMPORA' S EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE OF LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO THE CONGRESS WAS STATED IN TERMS OF OBJECTIVES, FOR THE MOST PART, LEAVING DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS TO BE REVEALED LATER.

9. CAMPORA' S REFERENCE TO VIETNAM WAS WHOLLY GRATUITOUS BUT RECEIVED PROLONGED, ENTHUSIASTIC APPLAUSE. AGAIN IT APPEARS PART OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT' S INTEREST IN ITS CLAIMS TO THIRD WORLD LEADERSHIP.
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